(c) what is the number of villages so adopted in Rajasthan;

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in implementing the above scheme; and

(e) whether Government propose to issue strict instructions to the lead banks to implement the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALE-IRO): (a) to (e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the public sector banks had been advised to adopt villages under the Village Adoption Scheme (VAS) which aims at deriving the advantages accruing from ccnerted and coordinated efforts or various area specific schemes. As at the end of December, 1986 (latest available), the Public Sector Banks had adopted 18,724 villages under Village Adoption Scheme in Rajasthan and the amount outstanding there against was Rs. 18,551.64 lakhs.

RBI have, in March, 1988 issued comprehensive guidelines to all the comercial banks including Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) on the implementation of a new concept known as the Service area approach which involves assigning specific areas xo banks located in rural and semi urban centres. Under this all the villages branch or other of the comercial in the country will be allotted to one banks including RRBs. Once the service area approach is brought into force it will become the responsibility of: the designated branch to meet the genuine credit requirements of all the eligible borrowers living in the villages allotted to it.

Opening of branches of bank in Rajasthan

165. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of branches of banks opened in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) what is the number of posts reserved for Scheduled Tribe$_s$ filled up in these branches; and

(c) what is the number of such posts lying vacant and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO); (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that during the last three years 418 branches of banks were opened in Rajasthan.

(b) and (c) Reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are provided on All India basis in respect of vacancies arising in the Officers and on State basis in respect of Clerical and Sub-staff Cadres. State-wise information is not available. Available information for the year 1987 in respect of the number of posts filled through direct recruitment of Scheduled Tribes and the backlog as on 1-1-1988, for all the States and Union Territories was as under:—

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1	Officers	. 174	.581
2	Cicrical	. 765	. 4003
3	Sub-staff .	. 515	. 1556

Loans for educated unemployed persons and farmers in Rajasthan

166. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of complaints have recently been received